(SRI G. VENKATAI GOWDA.)

(*b*) whether it has come to their notice that fuel is being sold at not less than annas eight per maund while it is only annas five in the neighbouring taluks of T-Narasipur and Yelandur;

(*c*) whether they will take steps to make available fuel to the public in Kollegal relatively at the cheaper rates prevailing in the neighbouring taluks?

A.—Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA (Minister for Agriculture).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) In Kollegal Town the selling price of fuel prevailing now is :—

	Rs.	a.	p.	
Unsplit ...	0	5	0	per maund
Split ...	0	6	0	do

(*c*) If the Municipality or any Co-operative Society arranges to run fuel depot, coupes will be reserved and granted for exploitation at reasonable prices.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—In how many depots fuel is being sold?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—Government have not opened any depots.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—In how many depots contractors are selling fuel?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—I have no information.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—Is it not a fact that fuel is being sold in wholesale to hotels only?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—Fuel coupes are sold in public auction. Anybody is entitled to purchase it. But there is a condition that Re. 1-4-0 should be charged per cart load. That is one of the conditions of contract.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—Is the Government aware that such a condition is not being fulfilled by the contractors?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—I am not aware of it. If the Hon'ble Member brings it to my notice, I will enforce the condition.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—Will the Minister try to ascertain from the Panchayats and District Boards the true state of affairs?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—I am sorry I have got the information supplied from the department. I will consider as to what arrangements can be made. It is not possible for the Government to open depots. It will be much expensive. Therefore, if any private societies or municipality come forward to make arrangements, we will give them all concessions.

Expenditure on the Vajra Project.

Q.—324. Sri B. S. SHANKARAPPA (Hosadurga).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the amount spent in connection with the construction of the Vajra Project for the purpose of supplying water to the feeder channels passing to Sri Rampur Tank (Doddakere), Hosadurga Taluk ;

(*b*) whether water is being let into the above tank ;

(*c*) whether they would take remedial measures in this regard?

A.—Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH (Minister for Public Works).—

(*a*) Rs. 25,239.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Does not arise in view of reply to (*b*).

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಎಸ್. ಶಂಕರಪ್ಪ.—ವಾಜ್ರಾಪ್ರಾಜೆಕ್ಟಿನಿಂದ ಶ್ರೀರಾಮಪುರ ಕೆರೆಗೆ ನೀರು ಸರಬರಾಯಿಯಾಗುತ್ತಿಲ್ಲವೆಂಬುದು ತಮ್ಮ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ?

*ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಕೆ. ವೀರಣ್ಣಗೌಡ.—ನೀರು ಸರಬರಾಯಿಯಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೋದವರ್ಷ ಕೋಡಿ ಬತ್ತೆಂದು ಗೊತ್ತಾಗಿದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಎಸ್. ಶಂಕರಪ್ಪ.—ಕೆಲವು ವರ್ಷ ನೀರು fail ಆಗಿ ಫನಲು ಹೋಗಿರುವುದು ಗೊತ್ತಿದೆಯೇ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಕೆ. ವೀರಣ್ಣಗೌಡ.—ಕೆಲವು ವರ್ಷ ಎಂದರೇನು? ಇಂಥ ವರ್ಷವೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರೆ ಉತ್ತರ ಕೇಳಬಹುದು.

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